

United States District Court
Western District of Wisconsin
120 North Henry Street
Post Office Box 591
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

Chambers of
John C. Shabaz
Chief Judge

Dear Counsel:

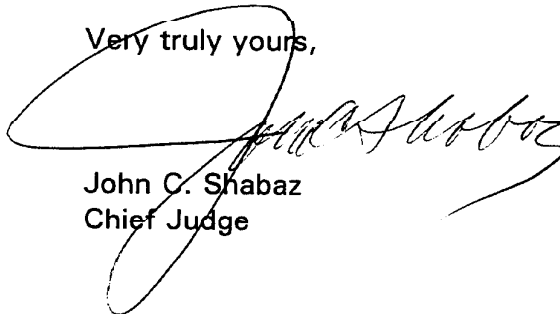
In this district we appoint lawyers to represent indigent clients in many different types of cases. We choose from among lawyers who have indicated their willingness to take such appointments.

If you are interested in becoming a new member of our volunteer panel, please return the enclosed form to the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 432, Madison, Wisconsin 53701.

As you will note from the form, you may choose to represent persons in one type of case or several. The maximum fee allowable varies for each type of case. The current fee schedule is: In criminal cases in which one or more felonies are charged, the total compensation for representation may not exceed \$3,500, and in cases in which only misdemeanors are charged, total compensation may not exceed \$1,000. Appointed counsel in petitions for writs of habeas corpus may recover a maximum of \$750. In social security cases, counsel must make their own fee arrangement with the client, subject to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. §406. In cases brought under 42 U.S.C. §1983, reimbursement for some costs is available and a lawyer prevailing in the case may move the court for attorney's fees.

We would be grateful for your interest and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Shabaz", is written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

John C. Shabaz
Chief Judge

Enclosure

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND
CIVIL PRO BONO APPLICATION FORM
Western District of Wisconsin**

Please complete the following application form. We will use the information provided to match panel attorneys with cases, taking into account background and experience. Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer attorney in this court.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

**Magistrate Judge Stephen L. Crocker
U.S. District Court, W.D. Wisconsin
P.O. Box 591
Madison, WI 53701**

(1) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Law firm name: _____

Office address: _____

Office Telephone No. _____ Home Telephone No. _____

Fax No. _____

(2) **EDUCATION AND BAR MEMBERSHIP**

Graduated from _____ School of Law

Year Graduated: _____

___ Admitted to practice in the Western District of Wisconsin. Date: _____

___ Admitted to practice in the State of Wisconsin courts. Date: _____

___ Admitted to practice in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. Date: _____

Please list any other court admissions, including the admission date(s).

(3) AREAS OF INTEREST

Please indicate the types of cases for which you would like to be appointed:

___ Criminal

___ Habeas Corpus

___ 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (primarily prisoner civil rights)

___ Social Security Appeals

Areas of Special Interest: _____

(4) EXPERIENCE

Please provide a brief description of your legal experience.

State briefly the nature of your present practice: _____

Please indicate by approximate number your trial experience:

Federal criminal trials: _____

State court trials: Felonies _____ Misdemeanors _____

Federal court pleas and sentences: _____ State court pleas and sentences: _____

Civil trials: Federal _____ State _____

Social Security Appeals: _____

Please indicate any areas in which you have special skills or expertise (e.g. computers, accounting, DNA, etc.) _____

(5) CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT INFORMATION

Complete this section only if you are interested in accepting appointments in criminal or habeas corpus cases.

Do you have experience working with the Federal Sentencing Guidelines? _____

Have you taken any CLE courses or attended any training sessions which covered the Federal Sentencing Guidelines? _____

Title of course(s): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Do you believe you know and understand the Federal Sentencing Guidelines well enough to adequately represent federal defendants? _____

Do you have experience working with the federal habeas corpus statutes, 28 U.S.C. §2254 or § 2255? _____

(6) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Can you speak any foreign languages? _____ Please specify: _____

Are there any types of cases (e.g. drug cases, bank robbery) that you would prefer *not* to take? _____

If you are relatively inexperienced, would you be willing to work under the guidance of a mentor? _____

If you are inexperienced, would you be willing to second-chair, without compensation, a more experienced attorney? _____

If you are an experienced attorney, would you be willing to have an inexperienced attorney or law student "shadow" you? _____

I hereby certify the above information is true and correct.

Attorney's signature

Date: _____